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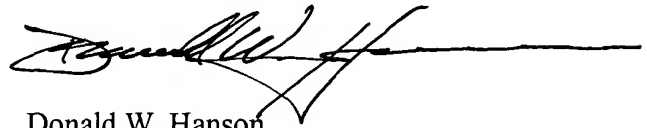
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
_____ AE 2000-339894	12/08/00	Japan	Abstract. Discussed in the specification.
_____ AF 7-77063	08/16/95	Japan	Abstract. Discussed in the specification.
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 see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
  
5. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)  
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15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed.
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